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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 297

By Walker

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of former State
Representative George Lester Hill, Jr.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of George Lester Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, The loving son of George Lester and Susan Kemmer Hill, George Hill was regarded by family and friends as a true "country gentleman"; an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed living in the country; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished scholar, he attended Cumberland Mountain School, Cumberland County High School, Castle Heights Military Academy, and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, George Lester Hill, Jr. honorably and courageously served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Mr. Hill became manager of Hill's Department Store, his family's business in Crossville; an enthusiastic and hard-working businessman, he opened Hill's Sports in 1976; and

WHEREAS, George Hill lent his time and remarkable talents to many local and state civic and business organizations, serving astutely and steadfastly as a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank for twenty-nine years, a Charter Member of the Cumberland County Fair Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Retail Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and conscientious community leader, he served with distinction and conviction as a State Representative for the 10th Floterial District in 1971-1972 in the eighty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Active in his political party, George Lester Hill, Jr. served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1968 and 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was a devout member of the First United Methodist Church and the Woodlawn United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, George Hill was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Mr. Hill wholeheartedly played baseball for the Crossville Blues and has since supported many baseball teams in his community; an enthusiastic sportsman his entire life, he was a valuable member of various outdoor and sporting organizations, serving as Commissioner for the Tennessee Wildlife Commission for six years, and treasurer of the Tennessee Wild Turkey Federation. An energetic member of the Cumberland County Sportsman Club, he "laid to rest" thirty-nine turkeys; on two occasions, he shot two turkeys with one shot; and

WHEREAS, George Hill was a diligent member of the Blue Lodge Masonic Temple, the Scottish Rite, the Alhambra Shrine Temple, and the Crossville Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, He enjoyed the loving companionship of Martha Brock Hill and was the proud parent of Brock Hill, David Hill, Rebecca Hill Bailey, and the late George Lester Hill III, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, George Lester Hill, Jr. will also be greatly missed by a multitude of loving family and friends, including his sister, Sally Hill Mayberry, brother, James E. Hill, Sr., and his seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, He leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of George Lester Hill, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his unwavering commitment to his family and his community, and the wisdom, kindness, and courage with which he served the State of Tennessee and its citizens as a member of the eighty-seventh General Assembly and in all of his public service endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of George Lester Hill, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.